

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, several of the claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies, delete the "characterized in that" language and incorporate minor other wording changes. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

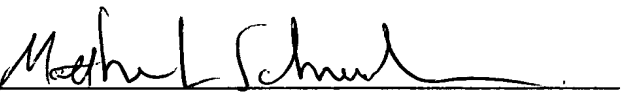
Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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